

The logo for the United States Census 2000, featuring the text "United States Census 2000" in white on a black background.

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It's More Than Numbers.... It's Alaska's Future!

Whether you live in the city or a rural area, census information is vital for planning for your community's future needs. Census 2000 will help determine the allocation of state and federal funds for such essential services as schools, health care, housing, and public transportation systems. It also will help delineate state legislative and local election districts. The census accounts for people by age, race, educational level and type of occupation. It will show us how Alaska has changed since 1990 and point out where Alaska is going in the 21st Century.

Census 2000 Starts Earlier in Alaska Than the Rest of the United States.

FEBRUARY 2000

- census workers will begin conducting interviews with households in rural areas where transportation may be difficult during the spring break-up.

MARCH 2000

- residents of larger cities, such as Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau, will receive their questionnaires in the mail.
- census workers will drop off questionnaires to residents in larger hub communities, such as Bethel, Nome, Barrow and Kotzebue.

For Information About Jobs Available Throughout the State, Contact the Anchorage Local Census Office: 907-271-1281.

Hiring from the community is an important strategy for the success of Census 2000. The Census Bureau is looking for people who understand the communities they live in, along with people who have bilingual language skills.

As many as 1,500 individuals will be hired from across the state, including people in every village, town and city. Beginning in February of 2000, the Census Bureau will hire individuals in rural villages to work as census takers. At the same time, people will be recruited to work as census takers throughout the state. Hiring will occur in communities of all sizes, including such cities as Barrow, Nome, Fairbanks, Sitka, Kodiak, Dutch Harbor, Ketchikan and Anchorage.

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To coordinate all census activities throughout the state, the Census Bureau has opened a local office employing approximately 60 people in Anchorage. While the Anchorage office jobs may last between one and two years, most jobs will last from a few weeks to as long as three months.

Working for a Complete and Accurate Census.

The Census Bureau is developing strong partnerships with organizations in Alaska that have a stake in a complete and accurate census — from the Governor's Office to community leaders in every city, town and village, and to educators throughout the state. Census partnership specialists are working with key organizations to organize an effective statewide educational campaign that ensures all Alaskans are aware of how important participating in Census 2000 is to their communities and their families.

Answering the Census Is Important, Easy and Safe.

The U.S. Constitution directs the Census Bureau to conduct a complete accounting of every resident in the United States every 10 years. Participating in the census is in everyone's best interest. People who answer the census



help their communities obtain state and federal funding, as well as providing valuable information for planning schools, hospitals and roads. Census information helps decision-makers understand which neighborhoods need new schools and which ones need greater services for the elderly. The best way to make sure people in your community are represented in the census is to fill out your form and encourage others to do so.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share your answers with others, including welfare agencies, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police, and the military. Anyone who breaks this law can receive up to five years in prison and \$5,000 in fines. The law works — millions of questionnaires were processed during the 1990s without any breach of trust.

Here's What You Can Do to Help Ensure That Census 2000 in Alaska Is the Best Ever:

- Contact your community's Census 2000 Complete Count Committee and find out how you can become involved in local activities organized to promote the census. If your community has not yet formed a Complete Count Committee, urge your highest elected official to do so!
- Fill in and mail back your Census 2000 questionnaire when it arrives in your home, and encourage others to do the same.
- Call the Anchorage Local Census Office at (907) 271-1281, to apply for census jobs and urge others to do so.

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